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WITHIN THE WEEK

When the Administration program threatened to bog down completely, some 3 wks ago, Democratic nat'l chairman Ros't HANNEGAN came to the rescue. He has recalled 4 "Brain Trusters" of the ROOSEVELT administration—HENDERSON, PORTER, PRITCHARD and NATHAN. Their immediate mission is to try to impose some measure of Party discipline; to regain public and Congressional confidence. Beyond that, they are, of course, thinking of '46 and '48 elections. If TRUMAN should refuse to be the Democratic candidate in '48 (there are indications that he may decline to run) the "Brain Trust" would doubtless have responsibility of selecting, building up candidate.

The unofficial Cabinet is not yet complete. Some additions are contemplated and these selections may represent a somewhat more conservative element. The 4 now in power are frankly New Dealers. HANNEGAN believes Party's future demands a course well to the left. He may be correct. This will further alienate Southern Democrats, who will join with Republicans to hamstring certain legislation. But Democratic chief reasons that in show-down he'll get South's electoral votes. (JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES II, Birmingham columnist, representing young, aggressive element, called last wk for 2-party system as South's salvation.)

The ret'n of New Dealers to strategic posts will tend to strengthen position of city bosses, from whence flows Democratic nat'l power. Meanwhile, it is worth noting that Democrats have not lost their hold on labor. Survey concluded by American Inst of Public Opinion in late Jan showed 70% of the union members would vote Democratic in the next Presidential election. This compares with 72% in '44 and a high of 80% in '36. Margin is still safe, but very narrow. Party can't afford to lose an additional 5% of worker votes. Thus the "Brain Trust" is working frantically behind scenes to find formula that will settle strikes.

If, as now seems likely, the new formula involves increases in commodity prices to compensate for wage hikes, the REUTHER element in CIO shall have met defeat on its basic tenet: increased wages without advancing prices. When you consider management's probable course: down-grading in jobs, elimination of some overtime, etc, labor may awaken 6 mo's hence to realization that its real position in economic picture has not been much improved. Then we may have repetition of current strife.

It now remains to be seen whether "a little inflation" is as impracticable as a little pregnancy.



SHIFTING SANDS

A Denver man plans to solve housing problem by moving into a B-29. He's offered to pay \$32,000 for one of the surplus planes . . . In Chattanooga, Tenn, Army recruiting agents found fertile field in picket line of striking steel workers. They drive recruiting car to picketed areas, interview and sign up disgruntled workers . . . Fire officials in Los Angeles report it takes motorized fire equipment longer to get to a fire than it used to take horse-drawn vehicles. Traffic congestion slows 'em down . . . Look for early check-up and tightening of regulations for "on-the-job" training of veterans under GI Bill of Rights. VA pays vet fixed sum, up to \$90 monthly for married man, while he learns trade or business. Employer makes up remainder to provide full pay for specific job. The current charge is that some chiselers are prolonging training period beyond all reason, and thus are securing cheap labor at the expense of the U S taxpayer.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"It's really alarming when people don't know Beethoven's 7th from Manville's 8th." —DEEMS TAYLOR, music critic, predicting swing fans will be tone deaf for life unless swing music disappears within 10 yrs. 1-Q

"Already he had been in 6 different states since his discharge and when we were ready to notify him of his job he was no longer here." — PHYLLIS McCOLLUM, a director in the Home Service Red Cross, citing problem of "traveling vet" who has developed yen for new places and adventures. 2-Q

"Go ahead and plant your tulips and rose bushes on earth this spring. It will take a while for the gen'l land office to get ready for you." — JOEL DAVID WOLFSOHN, ass't U S land commissioner, answering citizens who ask about filing land claims on the moon. 3-Q

"You have to handle civilians with kid gloves. They have to be given milk and honey. And everybody is mad at everybody else." — T T JOHNSON, ex-Army officer, now mgr of Okla City municipal auditorium, pining for the good old Army days when "all you had to do was tell a soldier to do something and he did it." 4-Q

"There is no such thing as feminine psychology. Women are all different." — Wm J BISSELL, auditor of 12 gov't dorms for 2,000 women in World War I; in charge 13 dorms for 7,000 women in World War II. Only thing women have in common: their eternal stocking-washing. 5-Q

"We carried 15,000 soldiers some trips, but 2,500 women and babies seems like many more persons." — S/Sgt EUGENE KUEHNE, Queens Village, N Y C, veteran of staff of the QUEEN MARY, commenting on transporting of GI brides and babies. 6-Q

"For yrs we've accentuated the beauty of the face. But with a topless evening gown, who's going to pay any attention to a face?" — MAX FACTOR Jr, announcing that he was prepared to add an unexplored



"It's not going to cost you much; only \$2 alimony." — GEORGINA CAMPBELL, separated from TOMMY MANVILLE after 28 days of the "marriage that would last." Quipped asbestos heir MANVILLE (whose previous wives have usually got \$100,000 along with their divorce papers): "I'll make it \$2.50." 14-Q

"He was all right until somebody made that remark. I don't know who said it—he may have been joking, but it made my son despondent." —Lament of LESLIE D PENNEY, whose 26-yr-old war veteran son JAMES, was found dead from asphyxiation in his father's car. Tragedy was laid to "kidding" by fellow workers that he "had an old man's job as watchman." 15-Q

"Balanced starvation is better than unbalanced plenty." — Dr ROB'T S HARRIS, Mass Inst of Technology, pointing out that malnutrition (eating the wrong things) is worse for people than under-nutrition. 16-Q

"Eighteen million Filipinos have their eyes on Washington to see if the promises we made to them during the war are kept." — PAUL V McNURR, high commissioner to the Philippines, urging congress to provide immediate war relief for the islands. 17-Q

"If I had my way I would send a Salvation Army to Europe with Bibles translated in all the languages." —Lady ASTOR. 10-Q

"Man should be like the manly pine that does not change its color or the bearing the fallen snow." — Emperor HIROHITO. 11-Q

"It's easy. Everything is written for you." — GRACIE FIELDS, British comedian, declaring in London that it takes no brains to be an American radio star. 12-Q

"They were such nice toys to play with." — SEIJI NARUSE, Jap admiral, explaining to American interrogators in Tokyo why he became a torpedo expert. 13-Q

"Stelle wanted the hospital on 1 side of town, and after our investigation, it was placed on the other side of town." — Gen'l OMAR BRADLEY, Veterans administration head, giving his version of Legion Comdr STELLE's demand for an investigation of "tragic breakdown" of VA. 19-Q

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"Cotton cannot go on being supported by God and the gov't . . . The time has come when we must take a chance on the Republicans." — JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES II, *Birmingham Age-Herald* columnist, making revolutionary assertion that, "more than anything else, we need 2 parties in the South." 20-Q

On the Other Hand...

 "For yrs it has been true that men of too advanced age have held seats in the U S Senate." — Sen THOMAS HART, announcing that he will not run for re-election because of his advanced age.

 "It is not a question of age. Some people are old at 21 and others haven't grown up even when they're 80." — Sen THEODORE F GREEN.

"If the financing is available, we will be sending rockets to the moon in 3 yrs . . . While the expedition to the moon could be made under auspices of the United Nations, I believe we Americans should get there first." — RON'L FARNSWORTH, pres, U S Rocket Society, Inc. Estimated cost: \$10 million. 21-Q

"A husband who takes pride in his wife's appearance is going to be let down when she lets go." — BUN WESTMORE, Hollywood executive, warning brides that dangers of sloppy grooming don't vanish at the altar. 22-Q

"From here on, anything Mrs Roosevelt says will be greeted with mistrust by me—unless it is something about packing a suitcase." — HARRY ("Spider") ROWLAND, *Kansas Gazette* columnist, commenting on what he terms the inaptitude of America's former 1st lady at UNO assembly. 23-Q

"We have never been consulted about placing the United Nations headquarters here . . . The recommendations were not made by a democratic process. It will eliminate a town where many families

have lived for 100 yrs or more." — WM D SHINE, supervisor, Pound Ridge, N Y objecting to proposal which would take in large section of Pound Ridge in forming UNO's permanent headquarters. GENE TUNNEY, retired heavyweight champion, was among 200 residents united in opposition. 24-Q

"I wish you gentlemen of the press would refrain from referring to me as 'Eleanor.'" — Mrs FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, at a press conference in London, where she is currently a delegate to UNO conference. (At last reports, several London papers and BBC were still employing the informal term.) 25-Q

"I got to do something, because I get kind of nervous on the bench. You see I don't smoke, chew or bite my nails; that's why I slide so much. Usually I get up and get a cup of water, too." — JOSH CONY, Temple Univ (Penn) basketball coach, explaining his shiny pants and reputation as one of sportsdom's greatest bench sliders. 26-Q

"It is only 54!" — Univ of Chicago campus newspaper haughtily denying statement of sports writers that basketball team has lost 57 consecutive Big 10 games. 27-Q

"We'd look awfully silly trying to stop machine guns with pistols or my hunting knife." — Comment of U S Army officer on the reinforcement of the Nuernberg jail and courthouse with extra guards, machine guns, tanks, jeep patrols, sandbags and an airplane spotter on the roofs. Action was taken after American Intelligence rec'd tip that Germans might attempt to snatch GOERING, HESS, other high Nazis now on trial. 28-Q

"The vote is 300-to-1 against me. For every person I can accommodate, there are 300 I can't. The rare individual I can take care of, thinks I'm a prince of a fellow. To the other 300, I'm a heel, a fraud, a liar and a man who takes bribes." — An apt mgr quoted in *Kansas City Star*. 29-Q

"We do not understand why there are no trials for the Krupps and officials of the Farben Trust." — Justice JACKSON, chief American prosecutor at Nuernberg trial, expressing distress because none of

the German industrialists — "one of the chief causes of war" — is being brought to trial by the internat'l tribunal. 30-Q

"Thank God! I can go home to my wife now." — NORMAN MOORE, civilian employee at Ft Belvoir, Wash, expressing relief over recovery of his lost wedding ring from a snow bank. After 5 hr's futile search, 2 Ft Belvoir engineers came along with a mine detector, located ring in 2 minutes. 31-Q

"We tried to laugh off Hitler. The things Smith says sound just as silly—because they are the same things." — FRANK SINATRA, head of citizens committee protesting ret'n of GERALD L K SMITH, America First leader, to Hollywood. 32-Q

"The by-products of the bomb may be carried for thousands of miles in all directions." — Prof VICTOR F HESS, winner of Nobel Prize in Physics, predicting that A-bomb tests may change weather thruout world because of "conductivity of the atmosphere." 33-Q

"It's mannish, that's what it is." — VICTOR VRRO, N Y hairdresser, expressing irate disapproval of rumor that the short bob was due for a comeback. JOHN POWERS, of Powers models, said he'd back the short hair trend "if it does away with snoods." 34-Q



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Tableau of the Times — GARET GARRETT, editorial, *American Affairs*, 1-'46.

The current spectacle in the economic hippodrome is a tableau of frozen acrobatics. It may be there for some time or it may end suddenly. A figure in tarnished tinsel representing Collective Bargaining is held aloft by Wage-Price Policy, whose muscles are taut and seem about to snap from the strain of standing in a forked position with a bare foothold on each of 2 contrary-minded animals. One animal is Deflation and the other is Inflation. They are tied together by their tails, and their muscles, too, are tense as they lean in opposite directions with all their weight. This amazing pyramid is balanced on Price Level, which is a tight rope across what appears to be a terrible chasm. The thrill of it for the audience lies in the fact that the pose must hold and nothing can move until something happens—and nobody knows what will happen. . . .

The only sounds are from Wage Price Policy who keeps exhorting those who are chasing a pig around and around the edge of the chasm—and from the pig. The pig is Profit; and the meaning of this part of the spectacle belongs to superstition. It is believed that if the pig can be caught and sacrificed, one of the contrary animals may be appeased and relax a little, which will give the chasm time to fill up in a miraculous manner, according to the prophecy of the court Economist. The idea about the pig is that his squeals are propaganda, that he is too fat and that in any case he is immortal, so that tho he may be sacrificed and eaten up, still he will live, perhaps not in the flesh any more but in spirit as an everlasting social possession.

AESTHETIC vs PRACTICAL—1

A pen mfg'r, alarmed by the new competition of various trick pens, invited Raymond Loewy, noted designer, to create a new pen. He had Loewy test all the pens, then said: "I don't care about the cost. I want the most expensive pen on the mkt. What's the most important thing we should do?"

Loewy replied: "Most important is that the pen should write!" — LEONARD LYONS.

ATOMIC AGE—2

A fish census will be one of the main preliminaries to the atomic bomb tests in the far Pacific this spring. Scientists of the fish and wild-life service will go to the Bikini atoll area 6 wks before the 1st bomb is dropped in May to estimate fish population. They'll ret'n some time after the 2nd bomb is dropped to make a comparison. — *A P Dispatch*

CHURCH—Contribution—3

A colored preacher was delivering a "trial sermon" before a congregation that was about to call a new pastor. "Brethren," he said, "the church I'se the pastor of has got to get up and walk," and the brethren all replied, "Amen — let 'er walk." The preacher talked on about building up the church to a place of influence in the community, gradually warming up to where he said: "Brethren, the church that I'se the pastor of has got to get up and run" and the brethren responded, "Amen—let 'er run." Considerably encouraged, the preacher warmed up the congregation a few degrees further and let go with: "Brethren, the church that I'se pastor of has got to get up and fly" and again the brethren echoed in unison, "Amen — let 'er fly." The preacher, reaching his climax, wound up with, "Brethren, if this church is gonna fly it has to have money." The brethren all sat up like a bolt of lightning had struck and the rafters echoed as they shouted, "LET 'ER WALK!" — HUGH P COOPER, *Mannahans (Tex) News*.

CO-OPERATION—4

When a certain distinguished scientist was asked what coming invention would mean most to mankind, he ans'd, "I don't think that any invention will mean so much to mankind as the discovery

of a better way to get along together." — PAUL P HARRIS, "Fear and Hate Must Go," *Rotarian*, 1-'46.

DIET—5

Banquets have killed more people than bullets. The latter punch holes into you from the outside; banquets punch holes on your inside, right thru the lining of the stomach. Death by bullet is speedier, less painful. — *Judy's*.

DISCIPLINE—6

In discipline, erosion is better than explosion. — MARCELENE COX, "Ask Any Woman," *Ladies' Home Jnl*, 2-'46.

ECONOMY—National—7

Our task is to show the people that money only has value when it is supported by production. There has been a dilution of the people's savings by as much as the gov't has pumped out thru subsidies, expenditures for various enterprises and most of all by a continuing unbalanced budget. The deficit spendings of the past 15 yrs are charges against the people, and the people must be taught it is the politicians who reap the benefits and the people who pay. — ROBERT WASON, upon assuming presidency of Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs.

EDUCATION—8

We will have to change education in many respects. Often we are not sure what people want. Their reactions may be similar to the sentiment of the little boy who wrote a book review saying, "This book tells me more about pen-guins than I am interested in knowing." — BONARO W OVERSTREET, "Challenge to Educators," *Trained Men*, 1 & 2-'46.

EXPERIENCE—9

The seniority of a teacher had been overlooked in making a promotion. Naturally disgruntled, he demanded to know why his 20 yrs of experience had been overlooked.

"My friend," said the principal, "in reality you haven't had 20 yrs' of experience—you have had 1 yr's experience 20 times." — *Michigan Education Jnl*.

FREEDOM—10

A wit once said: a free country is one in which there is no particular individual to blame for the existing tyranny. — Editorial, *Knick-erbocker Wkly*.

*Quote***HONOR—11**

Human beings are like sponges. Each human being can stand so much honor, as a sponge can hold so much water. Both quickly reach a point of saturation. When the sponge passes that point, it drops; when a man passes that point, the honor wears the man.—Rt Rev Msgr FULTON J SHEEN, *Love One Another*. (Kenedy)

They DO Say . . .

Chicago Tribune's fine new book section, *Magazine of Books*, was introduced by a party held at Chicago's Palmer House last Friday eve. Initial issue of the mag carried a written-in-advance story of event, emphasizing roles of OLSEN & JOHNSON, zany theatrical stars, as "guest experts" on a featured quiz show. Messrs O & J maintained their reputation for doing the unexpected by failing to arrive in time for the broadcast . . . *Trib*, by the way, running true to form, bills NANCY ASTOR, now visiting U S, as "Mrs ASTOR, known in Britain as LADY ASTOR." . . . "Something seems to be funny," observes *Boston Globe*, "when a Southern Democrat charges that a bill for which 26 Republican senators voted is sponsored by Reds." . . . DICK ROFFMAN, of *This Month*, observes that there are now so many mags, publishers can enjoy a flourishing circulation from the subscriptions of competitors and from free-lance writers anxious to sell articles.

INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—12

As pure gold is too soft for even careful usage, so is a nation inbred upon itself, too soft for life. Only as it has blended with other groups, with other races and drawn unto itself the good of these alien elements can it grow strong. There is no nation but what is a part of all nations—no race but what draws from other races in order to survive. — RUTH TAYLOR, "A Part, Not Apart," *Religious Telescope*, 1-26-'46.

LABOR RELATIONS—13

What does the worker want? His more important desires are: the desire for justice; the desire for status; the desire to have his job made a career, and the desire for

security.—SAM LEWISOHN, *Human Leadership in Industry*. (Harper)

LANGUAGE—14

One great difference between the business and academic life . . . is in the directness of speech. In business, a spade is a spade; in educational circles, a rustic implement used by the agriculturist. — MARY K BROKAW, "Shall I Reconvert?" *Independent Woman*, 1-'46.

LOGIC—Applied—15

A doctor said to a woman who complained that she did not like the night air: "Madam, during certain hrs of the 24, night air is the only air there is."—CHAS MACOMB FLANDRAU, *Viva Mexico*. (Appleton-Century)

MINORITY—Majority—16

If 25 persons divide 13 to 12, are we to assume the 13 are right? And if one among them should change his vote, would truth shift with him to the other side? — JOHN T FLYNN, *Human Events*.

NEWS—Value—17

"Son, just let me tell you something," said the city editor. "The more people who know or see a thing, the more people, those same people, want to read about it. Who do you think are most eager to read an account of a ball game or political rally or a shower for a prospective bride? Those who were there, of course." — MARQUIS JAMES, *The Cherokee Strip*. (Viking)

PEACE—18

Peace begins in our nurseries. The home is the basis for democracy and the cradle is where it is born.—HELEN HAYES, "Your Chair at the Peace Table," *The Woman*, 2-'46.

PREACHERS—Preaching—19

A pastor needs the tact of a diplomat, the strength of Sampson, the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon—and a cast-iron stomach.—JAS STREET, *The Gauntlet*. (Doubleday)

PRODUCTION—20

What may be in store for many businesses when production gets into full swing, is suggested by developments in cigaret industry. Few mo's ago, it took love and money to buy a pack. Black mkt flourished. Now—the gov of Tenn halts tobacco auctions for fear of bloodshed over the low prices offered!—*Modern Distribution*.



What's happened to hosiery? It's a complicated story and most of the facile explanations you hear are fabrications. Here are the highlights:

(1) Granting understandable scarcity of nylons, why have rayon stockings suddenly disappeared from mkt? You hear it's due to change-over of mach'y. That's only partial answer. Gov't directive forcing rayon yarn makers to sell fixed percentage of output to hosiery mills expired last fall. Bulk of rayon now goes to textile mills, since producers know hosiery firms will forsake them at earliest opportunity.

(2) What about frequently-heard story that low ceiling prices tempt U S hosiery mills to export mkt where they can get fancy mark-up? It's largely a myth. No important producer is exporting abnormally. U S Customs records show only a trickle. It would be impracticable to smuggle substantial quantities.

It's true that several large mills have been "hoarding" if you want to call it that. They've held back wares in order to make fair simultaneous distribution in all mkt. A few million prs, representing this "hold-back," will soon be available. Industry reports nylon production is now about 30 million prs a month. That isn't too far from normal. In '39, industry produced 43.8 million doz prs of women's hosiery including all types.

Even a normal output wouldn't meet demand, since women's wardrobes are now so depleted. However, hosiery mfrs say frankly they would not, even if they could, step up production capacity to meet this abnormal call, since it would not represent permanent mkt. It sums up to this: stockings will be in short supply thru '46 and probably well into '47.

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AVIATION: Sparkplugs with electrodes that grow with use instead of wearing away, and a new airplane ignition system for high-altitude flying, are recent contributions to aviation developed by the electrical engineering dept' of Yale University. The life of the sparkplug is considerably lengthened by the development, and in the new ignition system they are fired by radio frequency currents. (Science Service)

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INVENTION: New device turns pages of book automatically. A boon to disabled hospital patients, it's operated simply with a slight downward movement of the chin. Power supplied by midget electric motor and feather-touch microswitch. (Forbes)

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OFFICE APPLIANCES: New Multi-Matic Accounting System, developed by Remington Rand, is designed so that number of financial, statistical forms can be arranged one on top of the other, with proper alignment of the col's. Entry on top form transferred by carbon to forms underneath. Pay checks, employee earnings, history records, payroll register can be prepared simultaneously, eliminating transcription errors. Saves as high as 40% in cost, 66% in time, compared with conventional book-keeping methods. (Business Wk)

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PHOTOGRAPHY: New process will enable camera fan to print his favorite photographs on surfaces ranging from book covers to living-room walls. Personal pictures could be printed on playing cards, wallets, or clothing. (Grit)

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TRANSPORTATION: Moving sidewalks are being planned for Kiev, capital of the Ukraine. The pedestrian will mount a strip which will move slowly and then be automatically transferred to a faster-moving one. (Reuter's)

RADAR—21

The simplest explanation of radar we know was given recently by an electronics engineer. He said: "Did you ever throw a tennis ball against the side of a house and catch it again? Substitute short wave radio for tennis ball and you have radar." — *Farm Jnl.*

SERVICEMEN—Abroad—22

To our European friends we are a disappointment. They picked the GI as their Babe Ruth. He knocked out a couple of homers to start with. But since V-E Day he has been, more often than not, striking out. — JAMES FINUCANE, "What's Wrong With Our GIs Abroad?" *American Mercury*, 2-46.

SERVICEMEN—Handicaps—23

This story, probably apochryphal, has made the rounds of the columnists. Ed Sullivan, *N Y Daily News*, credits it to Lt Tyrone Power, via Sgt Jerry Adler:

A marine, landing in San Francisco, telephoned his wealthy mother that he was coming home and bringing with him a buddy who lost an arm and leg. The mother remonstrated; the amputee would need a lot of special attention; the servants might object. "I hope you understand, son." The kid said he understood. Two days later he committed suicide. He was the guy minus an arm and a leg.

SPEECH—Speaking—24

A visiting preacher asked a college president how long he could speak to the students. The reply: "There is no time limit. Your message will determine when you are thru!" — *The Expositor*.

TASTE—Literary—25

Those who speak of improving literary taste of the young, shoot at the wrong target when they train guns on the kids. They need only develop more teachers with the enthusiasm and ability to present great literature properly. Too often, unimaginative, plodding instructors make the study of literature a dreary chore instead of an unbelievable delight. — BENNETT CERF, "Trade Winds," *Sat Review of Literature*, 1-26-'46.

THEATER—26

The stage is a medium of penetration. The movies, appealing to

a mass group, can only touch the surface. Instead of dealing with the problems that it alone can handle, the stage is merely hitting the surface. And that is something the movies can do better." — DUDLEY NICHOLS, distinguished screen writer.

TIME—27

A great deal of our rush and hurry is due to a popular misconception about time. We have been brought up on such phrases as "Tempus fugit" and "Time marches on." Actually it doesn't. Time stays. We march thru it like an ever-moving parade. Our watches and clocks are merely man-made devices that mark it off or divide it up into silly little segments called minutes and hrs. Without them time would still be here, the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. — CONSTANCE J FOSTER, "What's Your Hurry?" *This Wk*, 1-27-'46.

TRAVEL—28

A thing that still amazes me is the desire people have to do as much as possible in as short a time as possible. I once talked with an American tourist in Switzerland who was admiring the grandeur of the Alps. "How I wish I could stay here longer," the tourist sighed.

"Why not?" I asked. "You will find nothing more beautiful in Europe in the summertime."

"Yes," assented the lady, "but you see we decided to make 14 European countries on this trip. We've covered only 12 so far." — ERNA BARSCHAK, (German refugee psychologist) *My American Adventure*. (Ives Washburn)

VIEWPOINT—29

It's an odd thing about this universe: tho we all disagree with each other, we are all of us always in the right. — LOGAN PEARSALL SMITH, *All Trivia*. (Harcourt, Brace)

WOMEN—Traits—30

A man and a woman were talking about letter writing.

"Ah," said the man, "you women can never write a letter without a postscript."

"Oh, yes, we can," she replied. "I will write one to you and let you see."

A few days later the man received a letter from her, and at the end was written:

"P S — What did I tell you?" — *Montreal Star*.

Washington's Farewell Address

This yr marks the 150th anniversary of the Farewell Address which GEO WASHINGTON prepared, at the time he refused to be a candidate for a 3rd term as President of the U S. In May, 1796, he sent to HAMILTON a rough draft, asking for criticism. After considerable revision by both, the document was published on Sept 19, 1796. Portions of this address have frequently been quoted by those of isolationist trend. It is interesting now, in the light of scientific progress and invention, to review just what WASHINGTON had to say on the subject of nationalism, a century and a half ago. This, of course, represents only a brief excerpt from the complete Address.

Towards the preservation of your Gov't, and the permanency of your present happy state, it is requisite, not only that you steadily disown irregular oppositions to its acknowledged authority, but also that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect, in the forms of the Constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus to undermine what cannot be directly overthrown . . .

The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign Nations, is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little Political connexion as possible.

Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none, or very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves, by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships, or enmities.

Our detached and distant situation invites and enables us to pursue a different course. If we remain one People, under an efficient Gov't, the period is not far off, when we may defy material injury from external annoyance; when we may take such an attitude as will cause the neutrality we may at any time resolve upon to be scrupulously respected. When belligerent nations, under the impossibility of making acquisitions upon us, will not lightly hazard the giving us provocation when we may choose peace or war, as our interest, guided by our justice, shall counsel.

Why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation? Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground? . . . 'Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign

Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who would labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connexions with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice?

And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure — reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

world . . . There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from Nation to Nation. 'Tis an illusion which experience must cure, which a just pride ought to discard.

In offering to you, my Countrymen, these counsels of an old and affectionate friend . . . if I may flatter myself that they may be productive of some partial benefit; some occasional good; that they may now and then occur to moderate the fury of party spirit, to warn against the mischiefs of foreign intrigue, to guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism, this hope will be a full recompence for the solicitude for your welfare, by which they have been dictated.



Valley Forge

MAXWELL ANDERSON

The historical drama, VALLEY FORGE, was 1st presented in Dec '34, by the Theater Guild, in N Y, with PHILIP MERIVALE in the role of Gen'l WASHINGTON. The American leader, discouraged and dismayed by lack of interest and support of Continental Congress is on the point of surrendering to Gen'l Howe. A few bedraggled veterans express to him their determination to fight on, and Gen'l WASHINGTON observes: "The forge was cold that melted these men into steel—but steel they are. I know them now. And now I change my answer! Let one ragged thousand of them pledge to this with me and we'll see it thru!" The excerpt following is WASHINGTON's response to Gen'l Howe's assertion that the American cause is lost.

And we have lost; we know it; by all the rules of the game we're beaten, and should surrender. If this war were for trade advantage, it would end tonight . . .

Let the merchants submit, if that's any good to you, then come out and find my hunters and backwoodsmen, and beat us down into the land we fight for. When you've done that—the king may call us subject.

For myself, I'd have died within, if I'd surrendered. The spirit of earth moves over earth like flame and finds fresh home when the old's burned out. It stands over this, my country in this dark yr, and stands like a pillar of fire to show us an uncouth clan, unread, harsh-spoken, but followers of dream, a dream that men shall bear no burdens save of their own choosing, shall walk upright, masterless, doff a hat to none, and choose their gods!

It's destined to win, this dream, weak tho we are. Even if we should fail, it's destined to win!

On a train the other day, a friend of ours found herself sitting beside a little girl with a doll in her lap. Our friend leaned over and asked cheerily, "Does your doll talk?"

"Yes," said the little girl curtly, "but not to strangers." — *P.M.*
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In front of a grocery store, a well-known art connoisseur noticed a dirty little kitten lapping milk from a saucer that he realized was a rare piece of pottery. He dashed into the store and bought the kitten for \$5. "For that sum," he told the proprietor, "I'm sure you won't mind throwing in the saucer. The kitten looks so happy eating from it."

"Nothing doing," said the proprietor. "That's my lucky saucer. From that saucer so far this wk I've sold 32 cats." — *Pointer.*
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A col piloting a transport plane was given the all clear signal to land, and as he swooped down gracefully over the runway he looked up from the controls. "One of the best landings I ever made," he chortled.

The engineer sgt standing behind him cleared his throat. "Sir," he said timidly, "you're still 15 ft off the ground." — *Wesleyan Christian Advocate.*



Wise-cracks OF THE WEEK

UPPER CRUST: a lot of crumbs held together by their own dough. — *This Month.*
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Young people today are alike in many disrespects. — *Phoenix Flame.*
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Too many people are like buttons — always popping off at the wrong time. — *Arcadia (Wis) News-Leader.*
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MODERNITY: an age of hard hearts and soft heads. — *Catholic Digest.*

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

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Ex-Gov of Indiana

It is the yr 1965. The atomic bomb has come actively into our world and laid it waste. Man has vanished from the face of the earth. And with him have gone the creatures great and small. Thruout the universe, there is no stirring sign of life. No sign save one.

From a deep, dark cavern in a remote corner of the continent of Africa, two small animals emerge to stare in blinking awe at the wreck and ruin. Scratching his head reflectively, the boy monkey turns presently to his mate. "Well," he says in a tone of deep resignation, "let's start over again!"

"And now, children," inquired the Sunday School teacher, in a review of the day's lesson, "who can tell me what we must do before we can expect forgiveness of sin?"

There was a moment's pause, and then little Wilbur made his logical contribution: "Well," he said, "1st we have got to sin." — *Farm Jnl.*

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The reason some people are slow in picking up a lunch check is because they have an impediment in their reach. — *Family Circle.*

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When the colored preacher's knock on the door of the modest little shanty brought a woman attired in heavy mourning, the good man solicitously inquired, "Is yo' husband daid, sister?"

"Oh, no, suh, he ain't daid," was the reply.

"Then, why is you in mournin', sister?" the preacher asked.

"Well, suh," explained the woman, "it's like dis: Mah present husband has been naggin' and botherin' me so much that I'se went back into mournin' fo' mah fust husband." — *Wall St Jnl.*

An instructor suspecting his boys in class were drowsing, dropped into double talk to catch them. His talk went something like this:

"You then take the loose sections of fendered smoig and gwelg them, being careful not to overheat the brought tagooks. At this time, extract and wampf them gently for about time and a half. Fwengle each one twice, then did them in blinger. Otherwise discoobilate the entire instrument in twetchels. Now, are there any questions?"

"Yes," came a sleepy voice from the rear, "what are twetchels?" — *Reformatory Pillar.*

